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TAGS: OGEN, OTRA

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL

FOR NEA ONLY - ATHERTON FROM PICKERING

1. HAVE GIVEN MORE THOUGHT TO POSSIBILITY OF
COMING BACK SAY FOR TEN DAYS JUST PRIOR TO FOREIGN
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MINISTERS' MEETING NOW SET FOR AROUND MID-SEPTEMBER.

2. LIKELY OCCASION WOULD BE TO BRING BACK WHATEVER
PAPER GOJ PRODUCES IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST TO BE
FOLDED INTO WHATEVER EFFORT WE ARE MAKING. CONCEIVABLY THIS
COULD BE AS LATE AS SEPTEMBER 7 OR 8
SINCE KING WILL BE IN LONDON UNTIL AUGUST 25 AND

IN FRANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2-6 AND IS NOT LIKELY TO
HAVE A PAPER READY FOR US UNTIL THEN. SUCH TIMING
WOULD ALSO ALLOW FOR PLANNED CONFRONTATION STATE AND ARAB
LEAGUE FM MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE IN CAIRO
IN FIRST WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER, PROBABLY THE MINIMUM
NECESSARY ARAB ACT OF COORDINATION REQUIRED BEFORE
GIVING US ANY FURTHER IDEAS.

3. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE FOR
ME (AND THE OTHER THREE --EILTS, MURPHY, LEWIS)
TO RETURN TOGETHER AND AT ABOUT SAME TIME. I HAVE
ALWAYS FOUND THAT MEETINGS WITH THE OTHERS TENDED
TO PRODUCE FOR ALL OF US A SENSE OF THE PROBLEM AND
WHAT IS GOING ON THAT TRANSCENDED BILATERAL DIS-
CUSSIONS OR CABLE EXCHANGE. WE HAVE NOT DONE
THIS FOR OVER A YEAR. IN ADDITION, WE MAY BE
ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE IDEAS TO YOUR OWN EFFORTS WHICH
COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT AT A DISTANCE. FINALLY, OUR
OWN CREDIBILITY WITH OUR GOVERNMENTS, AND OUR
CAPACITY TO OFFER INTERPRETATION AND EXPLORATION OF
WHAT WE ARE DOING AT FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS NOT
LIKELY TO BE LARGE UNLESS WE ARE SEEN TO BE INVOLVED
AND GET A SENSE OF THE SUBSTANCE FROM YOU ALL IN
WASHINGTON.

4. THERE ARE FOR ME ALSO SOME BILATERAL ISSUES --
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MAQARIN AND POTASH--ON WHICH I THINK I NEED BADLY
TO TOUCH BASE IN WASHINGTON IN AID, OMB, AND ELSE-
WHERE AND TIMING OF MID-SEPTEMBER WOULD
SEEM ABOUT RIGHT.

5. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR REACTIONS.
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